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SENATE RESOLUTION 34
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate First Peoples Bank of Tennessee for 25 years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those successful business institutions which through the years have contributed to the economic prosperity of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the First Peoples Bank of Tennessee, located in Jefferson County, is one such outstanding banking institution that has proficiently served the needs of its community for 25 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, First Peoples Bank was organized in 1974 and opened for business January 2, 1975, as the First Peoples Bank of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, organized to "meet the banking needs of the people," the bank had six employees and 800 shareholders when it first opened for business at a temporary location until its relocation to the present site in May of 1976; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the bank officially changed its name to the First Peoples Bank of Tennessee, and is the only chartered bank in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, those persons who have contributed immeasurably to the bank's growth include its current directors: Johnny Wayne Farris, Keith Rugel, Dr. Sam W. Thompson, Jeff Pratt, Keith Ketterman, Jeff Dyer, and Dr. Fred Valentine; and

WHEREAS, the bank's first branch office opened in May of 1976 at 416 Meeting Street in Dandridge; as a testament to the bank's rapid growth, a Talbott Branch was opened in 1979 and a Strawberry Plains office in 1982; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this general assembly take a moment to express their heartfelt appreciation to those organizations which have committed themselves to the well-being of the citizenry of this great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate everyone affiliated with the First Peoples Bank of Tennessee for their 25 years of exemplary service to the people of Jefferson County, extending to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.